

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION II 290 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10007-1866

September 5, 2013

By Electronic Mail

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Re:

Diamond Alkali, Lower Passaic River Study Area – River Mile 10.9 Unilateral Administrative Order for Removal Response Activities

USEPA Region 2 CERCLA Docket No. 02-2012-2020

Dear Ms. Dinkins:

Currently Occidental Chemical Corporation ("Occidental") is required to submit financial assurance under Paragraph 56 of Unilateral Administrative Order ("UAO") CERCLA Docket No. 02-2012-2020 by September 15, 2013. By this letter the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is extending the date for submission until October 15, 2013.

Sincerely yours,

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